

Application for a Maritime Usage Licence under the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021

Important Information

Before completing this form please read the declaration and consent at the end of the application form

It is important to note that a change in applicant name will require a new application.

This application and supporting documentation should be submitted by email to licence@mara.gov.ie

Please complete the form electronically. Type details in the boxes provided, space will expand as you type.

Maritime Usage Licence:

Part 5 (sections 110 to 133) of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021 (MAPA) provides for the granting of maritime usage licences.

Section 112 of the Act states that the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA) is the competent authority for the purposes of Part 5 of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) regulations 2011 ([S.I No. 477 of 2011](#)) and appropriate assessments to which that Part applies.

Section 114 of the Act states that the Minister may by regulations provide for class of Schedule 7 usage to be exempted usage for the purposes of this Part.

[Schedule 7](#) of the Act lists the Maritime Usages that may be undertaken in the maritime area pursuant to licence.

[Schedule 8](#) of the Act lists the types of conditions that MARA may attach to a licence.

Privacy Policy:

MARA may require you to provide certain personal data in order to carry out our legislative and administrative functions. MARA will treat all personal data that you provide as confidential and will process your details in accordance with its obligations under data protection legislation, including the Data Protection Act 2018 and the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

A Privacy Statement explaining how MARA, as the Data Controller, will process the personal data you provide, how that information will be used and what rights you may exercise in relation to your personal data, is available in this link: [Privacy Statement](#).

Freedom of Information (FOI)/ Access to Information on the Environment (AIE)

Applicants should be aware that under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 and the European Communities (Access to Information on the Environment) Regulations 2007 to 2018, information provided by them to MARA may be liable to be disclosed.

Applicants are asked to consider if any of the information supplied by them in their application should not be disclosed and clearly identify the specific sections of their application containing such information, specifying the reasons for its confidentiality/sensitivity. MARA will consult with applicants about this information before making a decision on any Freedom of Information/Access to Information on the Environment request received.

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Part 1: Applicant Information	
1.1 Applicant Details	
Name of Applicant (the name that will appear on the licence)	Port of Waterford Company
Company/Organisation (if applicable)	Port of Waterford Company
Address/Company Address	3rd Floor Marine Point Belview Port Slieverue, Waterford
Eircode/Postcode	X91 W0XW
Contact Name within Company/Organisation	[REDACTED]
Contact Phone No.	+353-(0)51-899802
Contact Email Address	[REDACTED]
Is the company registered in Ireland for tax purposes?	Yes

1.2 Contact Details (if different from above)	
Full Name	
Address	
Eircode/Postcode	
Contact Name	
Contact Phone No.	
Contact Email Address	

1.3 Agent Representing Applicant (if applicable)	
Person/Agency acting on behalf of Applicant	Anthony D Bates Partnership
Address	Caislean Beag, Windsor, Ovens, Cork
Eircode/Postcode	
Contact Name (if applicable)	[REDACTED]
Contact Phone No.	00 353 85 875 9298
Contact Email address	[REDACTED]

1.4 Applicant's Legal Advisor (if applicable)	
Name/Company Name	MJ O'Connor Solicitors
Address	Rochestown, Drinagh, Wexford
Eircode/Postcode	Y35 E76D
Contact Name (if applicable)	[REDACTED]
Contact Phone No.	(053) 9122555
Contact Email address	[REDACTED]

Part 2: Proposal Details (Attach additional documents as required)

2.1 In relation to this application, have you previously applied for a declaration as to whether or not a licence was required for this usage? If so, please provide the reference number associated with that application.

Reference number LIC230025

2.2 Description of proposed Maritime Usage.

Maintenance dredging of accumulated sediments to maintain the port's navigational trade areas whilst also supporting local fishing, energy and recreational activities.

2.3 Describe the nature and scale of any structure to be erected in the maritime area.

Not applicable. No structures are being erected.

2.4 Indicative timing of the works/activity: (i) Start date (ii) Duration (iii) Any other information relevant to timing.

A licence is sought to run from 1st January 2026 to 31st December 2033 inclusive. Work undertaken during this period will be dictated by weather patterns and the associated sedimentation incurred in the estuary.

<p>2.5 Do the proposed maritime usages provide for public use, commercial use or private use? Provide details.</p>
<p>Use will be limited to the safe navigation of trade vessels to the Port of Waterford.</p>
<p>2.6 Could the proposed works restrict public use/enjoyment of the nearshore e.g. fishing, sailing, surfing, swimming, walking or other activities? Provide details.</p>
<p>No.</p>
<p>2.7 Please outline any engagements that have taken place with marine users or other stakeholders in the proposed area that may be affected by the proposal and attach supporting documentation where relevant.</p>
<p>No consultation has taken place with individual stakeholders as the activities have been ongoing in the estuary for decades. However, significant consultation with statutory and stakeholder representative groups has been undertaken. Please see following section.</p>
<p>2.8 Describe briefly any consultations undertaken with other relevant authorities (e.g. Local Authority, Port/Harbour authority etc.) or State Agencies. e.g. National Parks & Wildlife Service, National Monuments Service of Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.</p>
<p>A consultation document was drafted and sent to the following groups for feedback: Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI), Bord Iascaigh Mhara (BIM), Marine Institute, Local Authority - Kilkenny, Local Authority - Waterford, Local Authority - Wexford, Office of Public Works (OPW), Sea Fisheries Protection Authority (SFPA), National Parks & Wildlife Service (NPWS), Marine Survey Office (MSO) and National Monuments Service (NMS).</p> <p>Feedback was received and subsequent meetings were held with BIM and the IFI.</p>
<p>2.9 Please provide the reference number and title of any existing Foreshore licence you may hold within the footprint, or otherwise in the vicinity of the proposed Maritime Usage area.</p>
<p>With regard to the ongoing maintenance dredging the active foreshore licence is File ref.: 2020/042 11</p> <p>The port also holds other Foreshore licences/leases, unrelated to dredging.</p>

2.10 Please provide the reference number of any current application for a Foreshore Licence to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage. Does this application for a foreshore licence relate to or impact any part of the maritime area the subject of this licence application? If so, please provide details of the foreshore licence application.

Not Applicable

**2.11 What environmental reports, if any, have you submitted with this application?
(Supporting information for screening for Appropriate Assessment/ Natura Impact Statement/ Risk Assessment for Annex IV Species/ Assessment of Impact on the Maritime Usage Report)**

1. Figures of Loading and Dumping Areas
2. Ploughing Dispersion Modelling 2017
3. Waterford Disposal Site Environmental Survey 2020
4. Numerical Modelling of Offshore Disposal Plumes 2023
5. 2023 Marine Sediment and Benthic Survey Report
6. Underwater Archaeological Impact Assessment
7. 2023 Aquaculture Assessment Report
8. 2023 Fisheries Impact Assessment
9. Annex IV Species Risk Assessment



**Part 3: Location and Spatial Extent of Proposed Maritime Area
(Attach additional documents as required)**

3.1 Total size of the proposed Maritime Area (in m², ha² or km², as appropriate).

173.87Ha over 16 different areas

3.2 Please provide the distance of the main body of the proposed maritime area from the shore at its closest point in km.

Varies for each of the 16 areas

3.3 Is any of the maritime area in the proposed site in private ownership? If yes please provide documentary evidence of same (e.g. folio).

No

3.4 Any other site details considered relevant:

Part 4: Maps and Drawings.

Please refer to [Technical Guidance](#) on map and drawing requirements.

- 4.1** Please draft a map, titled “Licence Map”, outlining the proposed Maritime Area in accordance with the Technical Guidance for Maritime Area Licence Applications and submit same with this application.
- 4.2** Please list any Admiralty Charts, Maps and/or other Drawings submitted with this application.

Part 5: Fishing/Aquaculture Considerations:

5.1 Is the proposal located in proximity to any of the following:

- aquaculture operation
- designated Shellfish Growing Waters
- fish spawning ground
- other sensitive fisheries location

Please Illustrate on appropriate chart including distance in Km.

Please refer to the 2023 Aquaculture Assessment Report submitted in support of this application.

5.2 Are there other potential impacts of the proposal on fishing/aquaculture in the area? If yes, please describe.

No

5.3 Are there any measures proposed to mitigate potential impacts on fisheries or aquaculture? If yes, please describe.

Proposed mitigation measures for the works, to mitigate against any potential environmental impact are outlined in Section 7 of the Assessment of Impact on the Maritime Usage Report submitted.

Declaration and Consent:

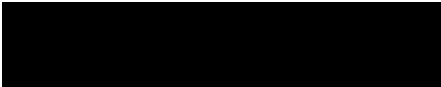
The details provided here are correct to the best of my knowledge.

I understand that no works will be commenced, by the applicant or the applicant's agents on the proposed site, without a valid licence from MARA. The granting of any Maritime Usage Licence will not give rise on the part of the applicant to any expectation whatsoever for, right or entitlement to a grant of any future licence in respect of all or any part of any area of the Maritime Area.

By submitting this application form, the applicant agrees that the details provided (with personal contact details redacted) are to be published on MARAs website and also that the full information provided including contact details are to be processed and retained by MARA and shared with all relevant public authorities in furtherance of consideration for a Maritime Usage Licence under the MAPA.

I give consent to MARA and its agents to copy this application and to make (a redacted) copy available for inspection and copying by the public. This consent relates to this application, to any further information, or submission provided by the applicant or on the applicant's behalf and to the publication of the licence document.

Signed for and on behalf of the applicant:

	
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Name of Signatory (block letters):

	
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Position Held:

Deputy Harbour Master

Date:

07/02/2024

Applicant Checklist	
Document	Included
Application Form (Parts 2 to 5 inclusive)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Supporting Information for Screening for Appropriate Assessment (SISAA) Report	<input type="checkbox"/>
Risk Assessment for Annex IV Species Report	<input type="checkbox"/>
Natura Impact Statement (NIS), if initially included	<input type="checkbox"/>
Assessment of Impact of the Maritime Usage (AIMU) Report	<input type="checkbox"/>
Licence Mapping	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (Please list below)	

Other